

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/585,820  
Confirmation No. : 6523  
Applicant : Martin Gehrke  
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Title : Method for Encryption of Data in a Process  
Automation Network  
TC/A.U. :  
Examiner :  
Docket No. : GHER3001/FJD  
Customer No. : 23364

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Please amend this application before examination on the merits in accordance with the following particulars.

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of the application, please amend the claims as shown in the following LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, which indicates the status of all the claims in the application and all amendments to the claims. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves all rights to the original disclosed and claimed subject matter.